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FLUORINE-CONTAINING POLYMERS

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the later of three months from the application's filing date and the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, but before a Final Office Action, Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application (whichever is earlier), and therefore Applicant is filing concurrently herewith a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e). No fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a Communication (Notice of Opposition to a European Patent dated February 10, 2011) from the European Patent Office in a counterpart application (EP 04818982.3) citing such documents and indicating the degree of relevance found by the European Patent Office.

Applicant notes that EP 1 260 526, EP 1 170 303 and US 3,085,083 cited in the Communication were previously submitted with the IDS's filed August 18, 2006, September 19, 2006 and September 4, 2008, respectively.

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